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100, and each filled with a black paste much desired by celestial beings. Long he pondered as to how to dispose of the drug, and then called he to his assistance one Mish Nayree formerly employed in the collection of duties whose head was as long as his body in the art of surreptitiously evading those very duties he had once assisted in collecting. The two planned that on that very night the long one should come under the stern of the vessel in a boat and signal by throwing two specimens of the Irish tuber on board on which the metalician should lower those hundreds caskets of brass filled with the drug into the boat, and the long one should convey the same secretly to the shore and dispose of it. Earnest money of twenty-five chekpls was passed out and the bargain concluded. That night the deed was consummated, and the long one might have been seen wending his way through shallow mud with a bundle containing the precious caskets on his back till he reached the shore near the spot assigned to the butchers of the city. But the Grand Mufti had in his zeal appointed sundry to watch the harbor and the men of the sea and the strangers, and one of these, named the son of tongue had in Mish Nayrees parlance "dropped" on to the game, so taking unto himself another like-minded swiftly leaped through the city and met the long one as he reached the shore with his precious burden. The two arrested the long one, and took his bundle and then having persuaded him to pass out twenty-five dollars, they loosed their hold on him, and he fled as for his life. Several days, stayed he at home after this misadventure, for said he, if I meet the Metalician and tell him this, he will say to me, it is the yarn of the Cock and the male Cow, and he will hold me up to his associates as one of those who live by stealing the property of others. Yet, necessity finally compelled him to appear on the spot. And to his surprise, the Metalician was not angry or inclined to use hard words but courteously treated him and invited him to enter his quarters where they could be private and he passed him one hundred shekels of the country the moiety of the previously agreed on price for landing the drug. Now did the long one begin to excuse and accuse himself for that he had not the drug and to swear by all the gods that he had been violently deforced of it in the manner related. When to his surprise the metalician did the following tale unfold. Know you that it is all right: After you had gone I was seized with a suspicion that you would deceive me and convey the drug into places unknown to me so I said to my partner suppose the son of a gun should steal the precious drug. Let us go watch him. So we hired a carriage of the country and swiftly hied us to the landing place agreed on and when arrived there we found the policemen squatted down and carefully dividing our precious caskets into two portions one for each which they evidently meant to dispose of privately without acquainting the Grand Mufti and so gather to themselves numerous shekels more than they otherwise would receive. For such is the manner of all these Mish Nayree followers. Boodle is their only aim. So my partner and I rather than permit this infraction of the orders of the Grand Mufti by his subordinates did set upon those two and *vi et armis* did despoil them of those caskets and dispose of them at the usual figure. So the long one, you see, the biter was bit and the Grand Mufti is an incompetent ass and surrounded by rogues and vagabonds of his own choosing.

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